Raksha Udyog Ratna

748. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some private companies have been identified as "Raksha Udyog Ratna" (RUR);
 - (b) if so, the name of those companies and the criterion for their selection;
- (c) if not, whether Government are in the process of identifying such RURs for that purpose;
- (d) whether any development fund is being created for helping such RURs; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) and (e) Defence Procurement Procedure ('Make' Category) notified recently as part of Defence Procurement Procedure-2006 has a provision for extending financial assistance for development projects under 'Make' category to Indian industries including RURs, Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories.

Scaling Chaukhambha-1 top by Army Mountaineers

- †749. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that a mountaineering team of Indian Army had climbed Chaukhambha-1 top on 27th July, 2005;
 - (b) if so, how many of those mountaineers have not returned;
 - (c) the present status of their search; and
 - (d) the details in this regard?

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.